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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Amendments to Claims and Specification

Claims 21-25 have been canceled.

Claim 20 to has been amended by changing "if the difference value is ignorable" to —if the difference value indicates a still mode—. This change addresses the objection to "ignorable" made in item 1 on page 2 of the Official Action (even though the rejection is of claim 22 rather than claim 20).

Support for the amendment to claim 20 is found in the last line of the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 of the specification (page 13, line 22), which points out that "the over drive processing unit 44 is disabled...if the motion information indicates that the picture is in the still mode." Therefore, the amendment does not involve "new matter."

Finally, a typographic error in line 22 on page 13 of the specification has been corrected.

2. Rejection of Claim 22 Under 35 USC 112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 22.

In addition, it is respectfully noted that the same language objected to in claim 22 has been voluntarily corrected in claim 20. Basically, the original claim language referred to the feature in which the over drive unit was disabled if the difference was trivial or negligible ("ignorable") so as to indicate a lack of motion (a still picture), in which case there is no need for over drive processing.

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3. Rejection of Claims 21-25 Under 35 USC §103(a)

This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 21-25 in order to expedite allowance of the application.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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